



The Florida House of Representatives

Office of the Speaker

Dean Cannon
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Florida House of Representatives

FROM: Dean Cannon, Speaker

DATE: March 12, 2012

RE: Extraordinary Apportionment Session

Pursuant to the call issued by Governor Rick Scott, the Florida House of Representatives will convene this Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., for an Extraordinary Apportionment Session for the sole purpose of adopting a joint resolution of apportionment conforming to the judgment of the Supreme Court. Following the adjournment of session on Wednesday, the Redistricting Committee will meet.

For planning purposes, Members can anticipate that the House will not reconvene in formal Session until such time as there is a Joint Resolution available for final action by the body, which most likely will be near the end of the special session's 15-day scheduled running time. In addition, members of the Redistricting Committee can anticipate that, after the Wednesday afternoon meeting, there will be no additional committee meetings for the remainder of the week or the beginning of the following week.

While I appreciate the inconvenience of the timing so close to the adjournment of a regular session, this Extraordinary Apportionment Session is a constitutionally-required duty of the Legislature. Consequently, I will carefully scrutinize any requests to be excused from Session on Wednesday.

You will receive a separate communication from the House Bill Drafting Office regarding the procedure for filing joint resolutions of apportionment for the Extraordinary Apportionment Session.